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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-71

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: COUNTY INPUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS' ELECTRONIC DATA
PROCESSING RESOURCES LONG-RANGE PLANNING

REFERENCE:

The State Department of Benefit Payments is reviewing its current operational computerized systems and developing a long-range plan of potential projects for the next five years and an estimate of the Electronic Data Processing equipment and resources needed to complete these projects.

In order to pursue all avenues, we are asking all users of our Electronic Data Processing services to participate in this planning by identifying for us their informational needs. We would like input from the counties as to additional information requirements which you might have for administering the welfare program and some ideas as to how we might make existing data exchange systems more responsive to your needs.

There are computerized systems currently providing data exchange between County and State. Among these are the SDX Title XVI system, which provides amounts of monthly payments made to SSI/SSP recipients for use in determining welfare eligibility of the recipient; the AFDC Earnings Clearance System, which obtains recipient earnings information from the Employment Development Department files and assists counties in determining whether earnings of welfare recipients in AFDC are being reported and included in the recipients' grant computations.

The Bendex (Beneficiary Data Exchange) Systems has been reviewed and could be implemented when processing problems at the federal level are corrected. This system would confirm the amount and type of RSDI benefits (Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) being granted public assistance recipients.

A combined effort is currently underway with the Department of Health to establish a computerized Central Registry System in concert with needed improvements in the Medi-Cal eligibility system. The Central Registry System would identify

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all known current and past recipients of welfare and should aid the counties in verifying application and eligibility data and in fraud prevention.

Other planned computerized data exchange systems where the counties would provide input to the state include the Child Support System and Automated Aid Claiming and Auditing System. Summarized information or other statistical data on these programs could be provided to you if so needed.

We are asking each county to respond to this letter, identifying new information requirements and ways in which existing information exchange might be modified (such as timing and frequency of reporting) to make it more useful. Even though you may have nothing to suggest, we would appreciate a negative written response so that we can be sure we have not overlooked a county's recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Don Morse, telephone (916) 445-9123.

In commenting on additional information requirements, please provide the following information:

1. What is the need?
2. How would the proposal support your operations?
3. Name of individual the department can contact to obtain additional information.

Sincerely,



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cc: CWDA